

the right reason—his deep commitment to making America safer. From his experience as a member of the United States Coast Guard he knew this task must be accomplished over and over again every day by the men and women serving on the front lines of our homeland. For Al, homeland security was not a theoretical debate; it was a day to day passion."

Now, as someone who has been married 38 years, I know that I would be remiss if I didn't thank Becca, Al's wife. She and their two sons, Tyson Allen and Hunter Gregory, have been as much a part of our Committee family as Al has. I personally want to thank Becca for her service to the Nation by lending us Al for long hours and late nights over the past 3 years, even with two young boys at home. From what I've seen, by the way, there is no question that those boys will follow in their father's footsteps and play college ball and maybe, if Al has his way, join his beloved Steelers one day.

In sum, I want to thank Al Thompson for the caliber of service and patriotism he has dedicated to Congress, the Committee of Homeland Security, and the Nation.

RECOGNIZING MR. ALAN SIEGEL
OF LAKE COUNTY, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Alan Siegel of Lake County, CA, as California's 2005 Teacher of the Year.

For nearly 20 years, Alan has been educating and challenging the minds of the children of California's First Congressional District. He has served at Mount Vista Middle School, Oak Hill Middle School and is currently teaching at Carle Continuation High School in the Konocti Unified School District.

At Carle Continuation High School, Alan has played a positive and influential role in the lives of these young adults, not only as a teacher but as a mentor. Alan is the leading force in the social studies department, teaching U.S. history, civics and economics. He has also dedicated his time to educating his students in the field of computers and technology.

Mr. Speaker, Alan's commitment to bettering Lake County extends beyond the classroom. He has become an active member of our community, volunteering each year to organize the Lower Lake Memorial Day Parade. He also volunteers his time to place American flags on the graves of veterans in the Lower Lake Cemetery to honor those who risked their lives to protect our country.

Mr. Speaker, Alan is one of 5 teachers selected as California's 2005 Teacher of the Year. He is also the first "continuation school" teacher to be awarded this honor. After receiving this award, Alan traveled around the world to talk with educators and learn about different approaches to education. Last summer, Alan traveled to Japan for 12 days where he visited several schools, including a continuation school and lived with a Japanese family for 3 days.

Alan graduated with a bachelor of art's degree in psychology from Michigan State Uni-

versity in 1981 and earned his teaching credentials and his bachelor of art's degree in history from San Francisco State in 1987. His wife, Angela, is also a teacher at Carle Continuation High School and has been awarded Lake County's 2006 Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we take this time to honor Mr. Alan Siegel as California's 2005 Teacher of the Year and to thank him for his unwavering dedication to the students of Lake County. I wish Alan the best in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SEAN ADAMS
LOGAN HEARD FOR ACHIEVING
THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sean Adams Logan Heard, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 351, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sean has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Sean has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Sean Adams Logan Heard for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5427), making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to offer an amendment to the fiscal year Energy and Water appropriations bill which would stop Enron from once again cheating northwest consumers. I have worked with my colleagues and with Snohomish Public Utility District, SnoPUD, to ensure that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission plays fair in the case between Enron Power Marketing Inc. and SnoPUD. For too long, Enron has been harassing utilities for termination fees through the FERC administrative litigation system.

The Enron Corporation has already wronged consumers through its manipulation of the energy market during the energy crisis of 2001. It wasn't bad enough that Enron already collected an astonishing \$1.8 billion through their market-manipulation schemes, including millions from SnoPUD. Today, Enron is trying to

bilk another \$122 million from Washington State consumers.

Enron argues that they deserve a fee for the termination of their contract for electricity that they never delivered to Snohomish Public Utility District, SnoPUD. Snohomish PUD's contention is that because the power was never delivered, and because these contracts with Enron were entered into when the company was illegally manipulating the electricity market to inflate rates, these contracts are invalid.

Mr. Chairman, my amendment to the fiscal year 2007 Energy and Water Appropriations Act would prohibit the FERC from enforcing any decision that deems a termination payment is due to Enron from SnoPUD during fiscal year 2007. It's Congress's responsibility to ensure protection for consumers like those being served by Snohomish PUD from companies like the Enron Corporation. With this amendment, Congress will be deciding to stand with Enron, or stand with ratepayers.

IN HONOR OF MONTEREY HISTORY
AND ART ASSOCIATION

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Monterey History and Art Association on its 75th anniversary. During those 75 years, it has played a crucial role in preserving the colorful heritage of California's first Capital by protecting the historic buildings, artifacts and mementos of the people who made Monterey County their home.

MHAA's diligence has resulted in the restoration and safeguarding of many elements of Monterey's past, including ownership of Casa Serrano, the Fremont Adobe, Perry-Downer House, Doud House and the Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library, as well as the Maritime and History Museum, all of which have contributed to Monterey's reputation as the best-preserved city in the West.

The Monterey Peninsula represents a diversity of cultures, communities and creative ideals. As cultural tourism increasingly becomes a leading inducement for visitors, MHAA's efforts serve to provide important economic benefits to the Monterey Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Monterey History and Art Association for its 75 years of protecting the heritage of California's first Capital, and I commend its efforts in the preservation of the buildings and mementos of the cultures that have contributed to making Monterey the magnificent historic City that it is.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT ALAN WILBUR
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK
OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Robert Alan Wilbur, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest